

The Humorous Effects of Cross- Reading the News-papers.

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TO News-papers we are principally indebted for our knowledge and amusement.---One particular species of entertainment resulting from them, is, after reading each column by itself DOWNWARDS, to read two columns together ONWARDS; whereby chance will bring about the most unaccountable connections, and frequently couple persons and things the most heterogeneous; things so opposite in their nature and qualities, that no man would ever have thought of joining them together.---The truth of this observation will appear, on perusing the following Humorous Articles, which may tend to promote the practice of reading, and enlarge the circle of innocent amusement.

IN the House of Commons, yesterday, Lord N— Received 500 lashes, pursuant to his sentence

Last night a gang of daring villains was taken up—
We hear Lord Sandwich spoke an hour in his defence.

The Masquerade at the Pantheon will be on Friday—
No business done at this office after eight at night.

Lady M. Stanhope, daughter to the Earl of H—
Has engaged to eat a leg of mutton at one sitting.

Yesterday a man was branded in the hand—
None are genuine that have not this mark.

We, the Mayor, Aldermen, & Common Council—
Promise never to be guilty of the like offence again.

A most affecting scene of poverty and distress—
For the service of the present year.

Yesterday, a poor chimney-sweeper's boy, under
seven years of age—
Arrived at his house at Whitehall, to attend the
meeting of Parliament.

At a certain Lady of Quality's Rout, at St. James's—
The School for Scandal for the 20th time this season.

On Friday a man was whipp'd at the cart's tail—
The ceremony was performed by his Grace the
Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Freedom of the City will be presented to Lord
Rodney—

Price One Shilling the Box.

To-morrow the new Parliament will meet—
To be sold by auction to the best bidder.

The Treasurer of her Majesty's household has given
Notice, that—

He will pay no debts of her contracting.

A poor distressed widow, with ten helpless children—
is in immediate want of one thousand pounds.

The Nabob of Arcot sent his Majesty a present of—
Three blankets, and a brass candlestick, value ten-
pence.

This morning will be married the Lord Viscount—
And afterwards hung in chains, pursuant to his
sentence.

This morning the Queen was deliver'd of a Prince—
To be continued annually.

A full Board of Treasury will be held this morning—
All persons who have been robbed, are desired to
attend.

Yesterday the five condemned malefactors—
Appeared at Court in the Collars of their respective
Orders.

Yesterday being the last Day of Term—
The Villains made off, after doing all the mischief
they could.

The most audacious robberies are daily com-
mitted—

By his Majesty's Royal Letters Patent.

Yesterday Dr. Jones preach'd at St. James's—
And performed it with ease in less than 16 minutes.

The Sword of State was carried—
Before Sir J. Fielding, and committed to Newgate.

Many changes are talked of at Court—
Consisting of 9040 triple bob majors.

Friday a poor blind man fell into a saw-pit—
To which he was conducted by Sir Fletcher Norton.

Last night a most terrible fire broke out—
And the evening concluded with great festivity.

At a very full meeting of Common Council—
The greatest shew of horned cattle this season.

Wanted to take care of an elderly Gentlewoman—
An active young man just come out of the country.

An indictment for murder is preferred against—
The worshipful Company of Apothecaries.

Yesterday the new Lord Mayor was sworn in—
And afterwards toss'd and gor'd several persons.

A fine turtle, weighing upwards of 80 pounds—
Was carried before the sitting Aldermen.

I have long laboured under a complaint—
For Ready Money only.

The King of Prussia has wrote to our Court—
“ If yow dant pote fiste powns in a fartin plase.”

Ready to sail for the West-Indies—
The new Mail Coach in one day.

To the curious in perukes—
The College of Physicians will hold their anniversary

Notice is hereby given—
And no notice taken.



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